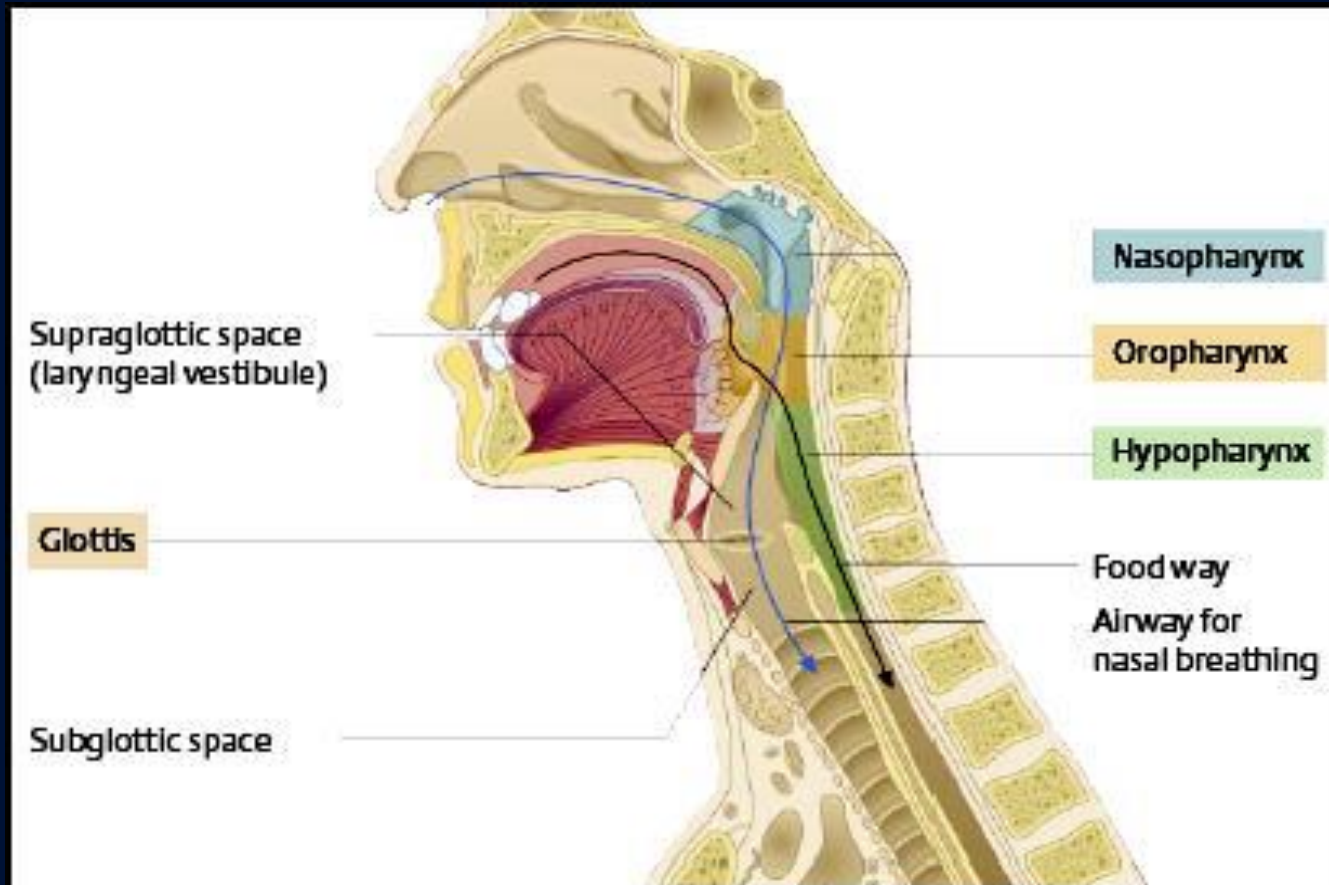


**AERO-DIGESTIVE  
FOREIGN BODY  
&  
TRAUMA 2**

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# FOREIGN BODIES IN MOUTH & PHARYNX



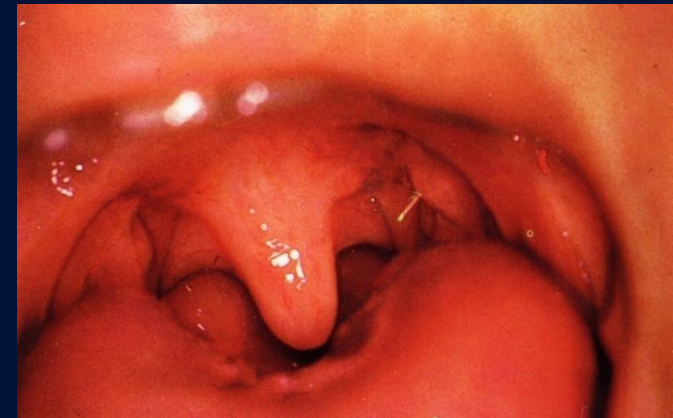
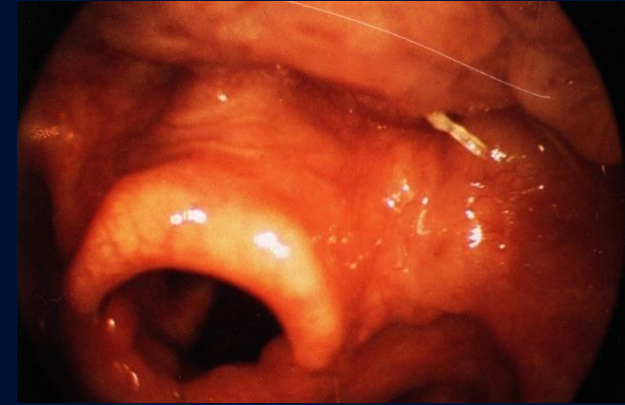
# Foreign Bodies in the Mouth and Pharynx

## *Small pointed F.B.*

splinters of bone, fish bones, bristles from a toothbrush, needles, nails, bits of wood and glass, etc.

## *Site of impaction*

- tonsil
- the vallecula
- the base of the tongue
- lat. wall of the pharynx



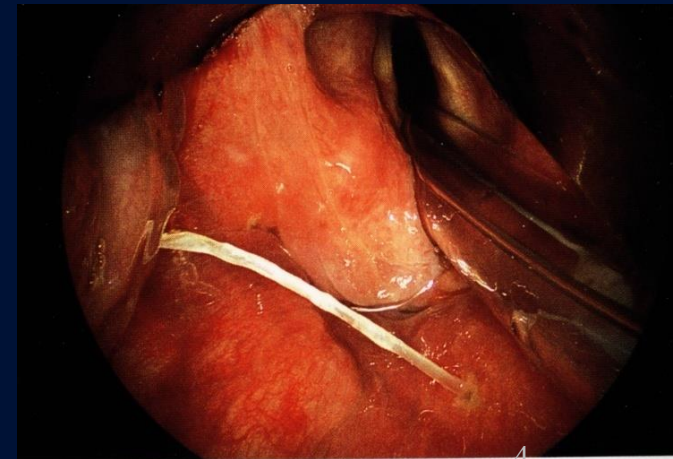
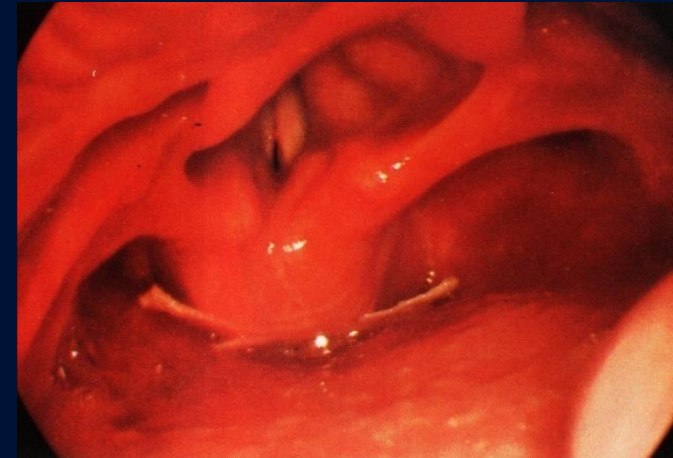
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## *Large F.B.*

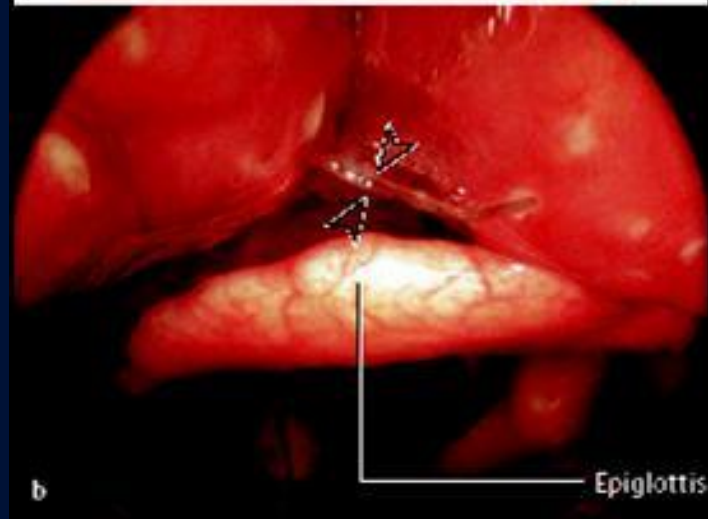
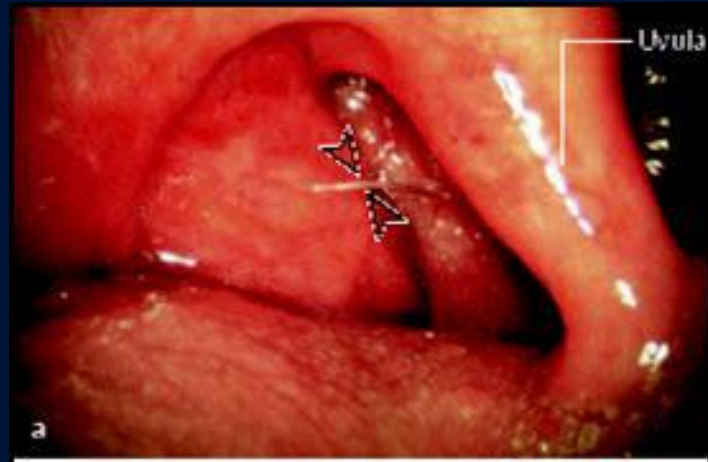
bits of toys, flat bones, coins, buttons, large fish bones, bite of false teeth, etc.

## *Site of impaction*

- the piriform sinus
- hypopharynx



# Trauma & Foreign Body II



# Foreign Bodies in the Mouth and Pharynx

Odynophagia or dysphagia

*Diagnosis:*

- history
- radiography
- gastrografin swallow
- endoscopy





# Treatment of Foreign Bodies in the Mouth and Pharynx

In the upper pharynx → direct vision  
rigid pharyngolaryngoscopy

# NOTE

Attempts to dislodge **F.B.** by eating foods is not justifiable.

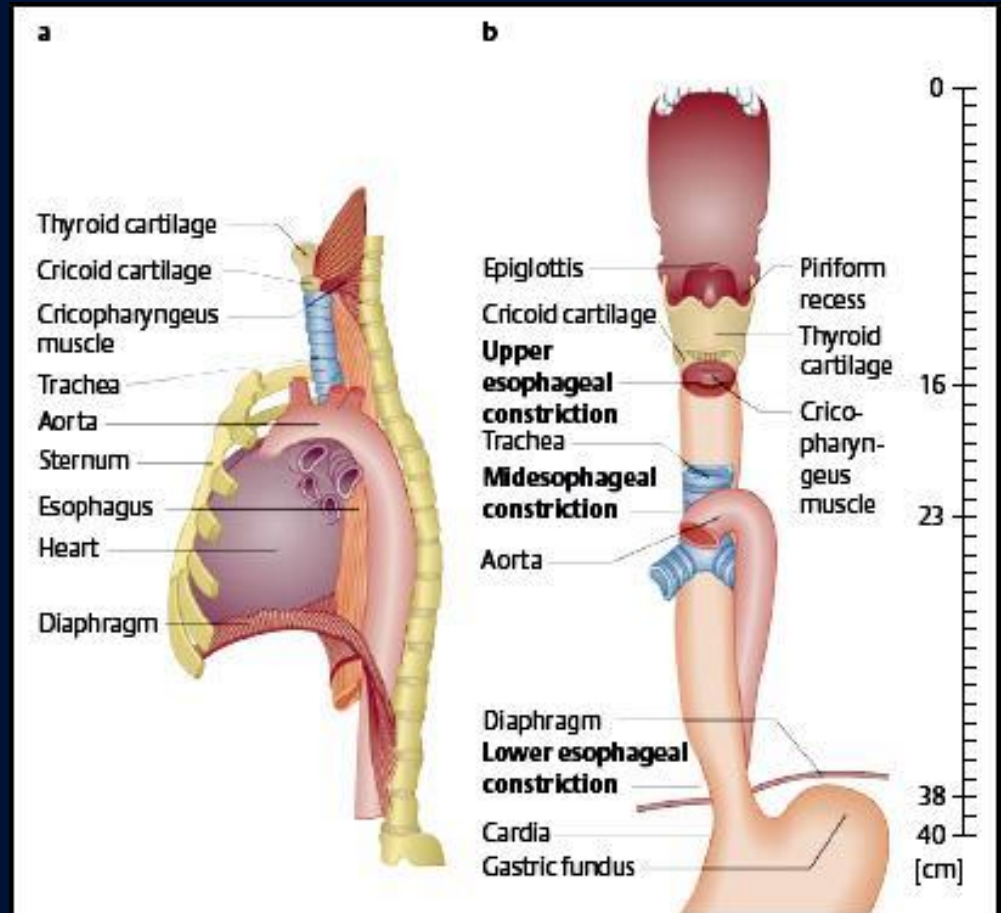
→ May causes delay and allows complications to develop.



# ESOPHAGEAL FOREIGN BODIES

## Five Levels

- Cricopharyngeal
- Thoracic inlet
- Aortic arch
- Tracheal bifurcation
- Gastroesophageal



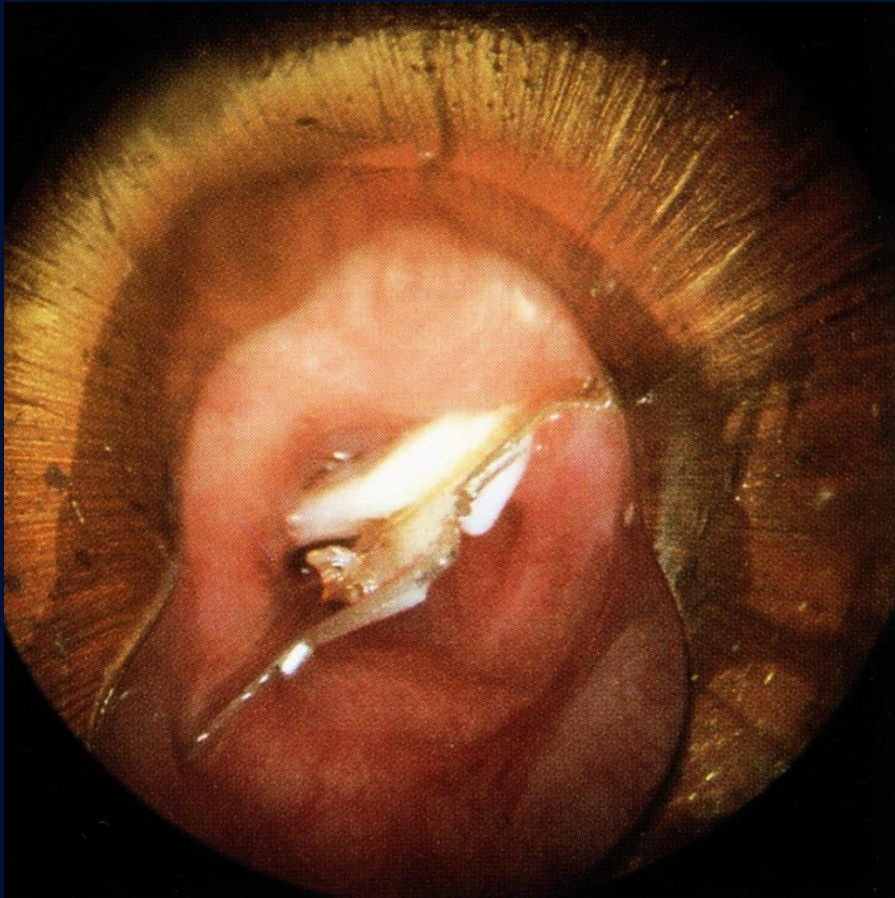
## Esophageal Foreign Bodies

Unintentionally:

*CHILDREN*: (3years) coins, toys, etc.

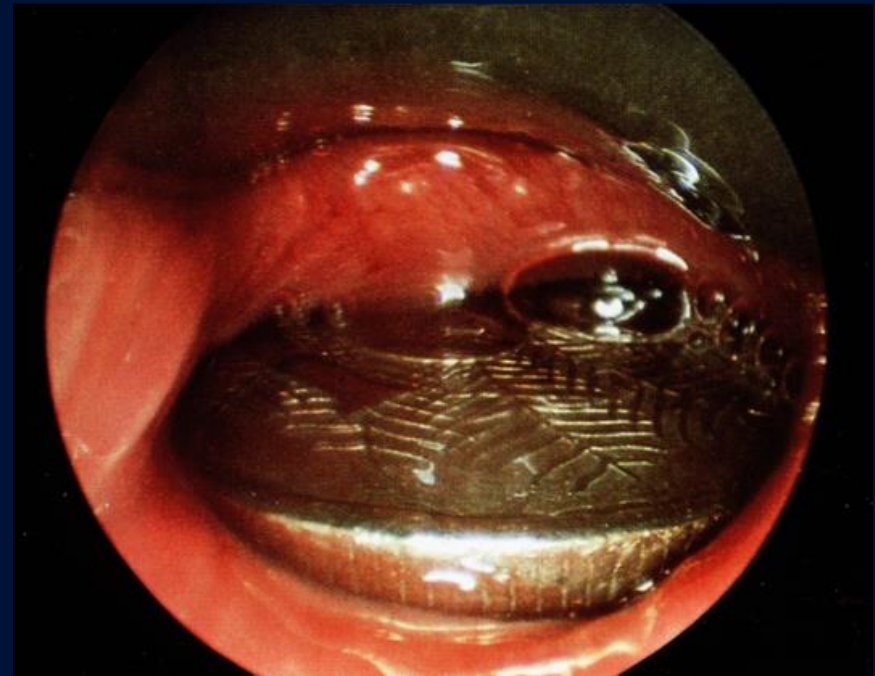
*ADULTS* : bones, glass splinters, fish bones, false teeth, nails, needles, or cutlery [e.g., prisoners]

# Oesophageal Foreign Body

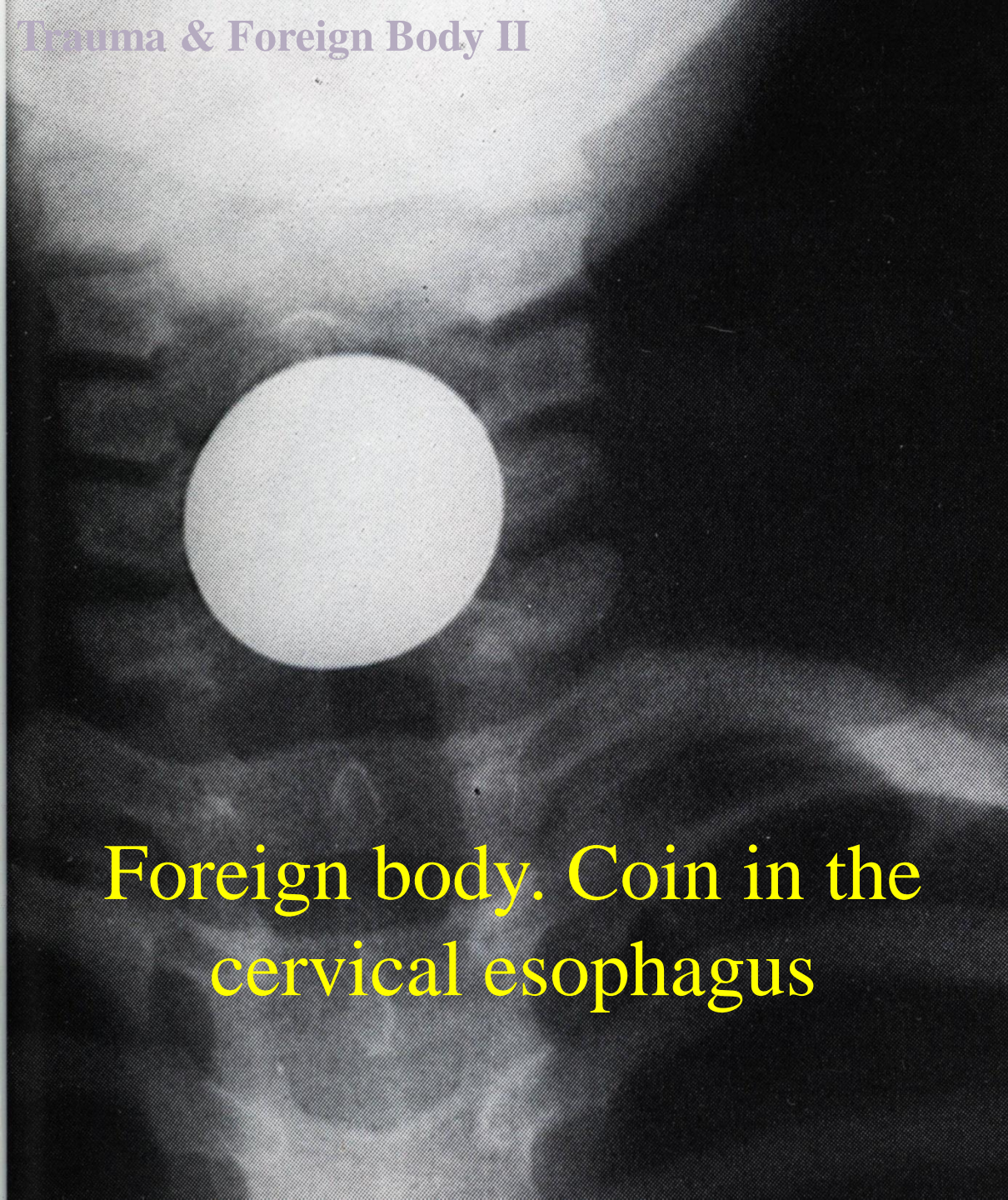


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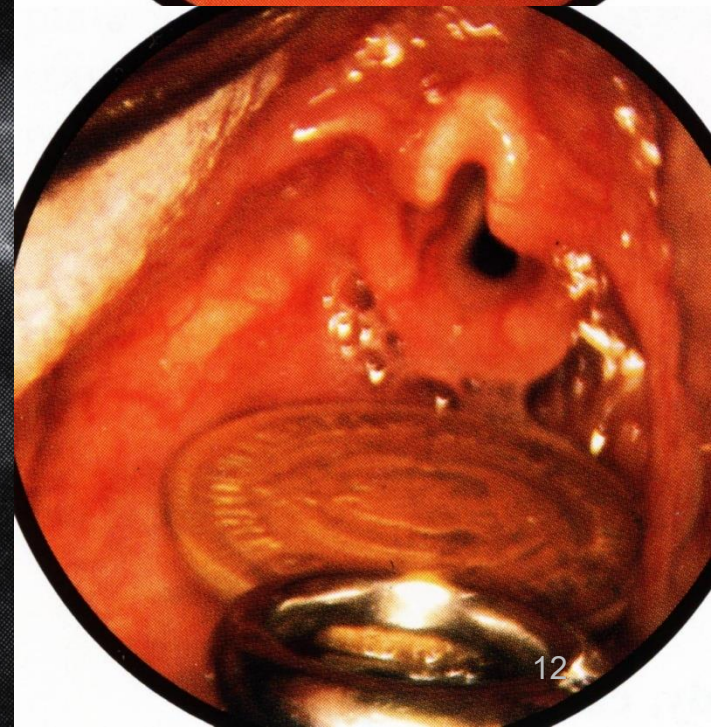
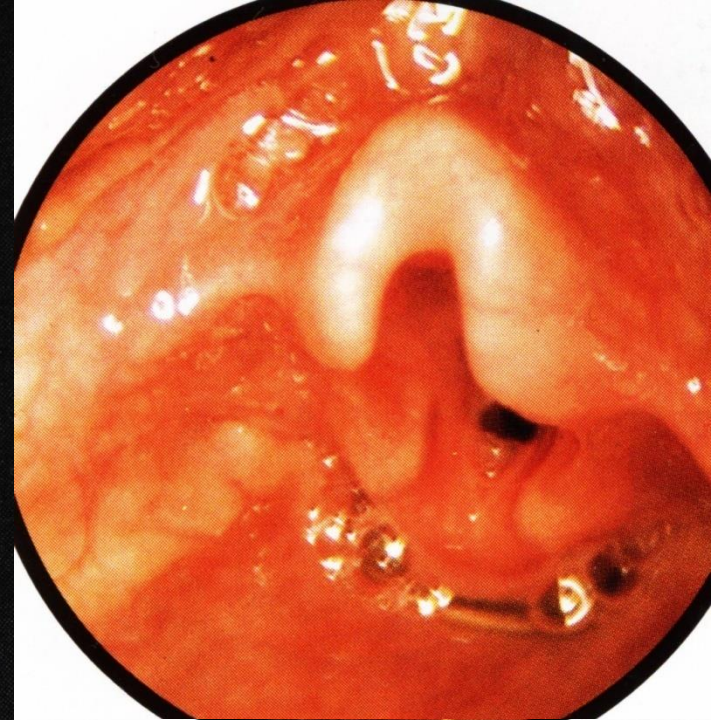
coin







Foreign body. Coin in the cervical esophagus





# Oesophageal Foreign Body

## Symptoms

- dysphagia, odynophagia
- drooling
- coughing
- early mediastinitis :
  - pain between shoulder blades
  - & behind sternum

# Esophageal Foreign Body Pathogenesis

- upper esophageal sphincter
- necrosis → mediastinitis,  
pleuritis, or peritonitis
- paraesophageal abscess
- surgical emphysema

# Esophageal Foreign Body

## Diagnosis

*History:*

*Inspection:* swelling or subcut.emphysema

*Palpation:* neck & supra clavicular fossae

*Radiographs:* Radiopaque F.B.,

Mediastinal emphysema

*Gastrografin:* Radiolucent F.B.

*Esophagoscopy*



# Differential Diagnosis

## Esophageal Foreign Body

- mucosal lesions
- obstructive tumor

### ***NOTE***

if a FB is suspected, always check hypopharynx & esophagus endoscopically using flexible fiberscope

# Esophageal Foreign Body Treatment

Rigid *Esophagoscope*.

Cervical *esophagotomy*

*Thoracotomy*

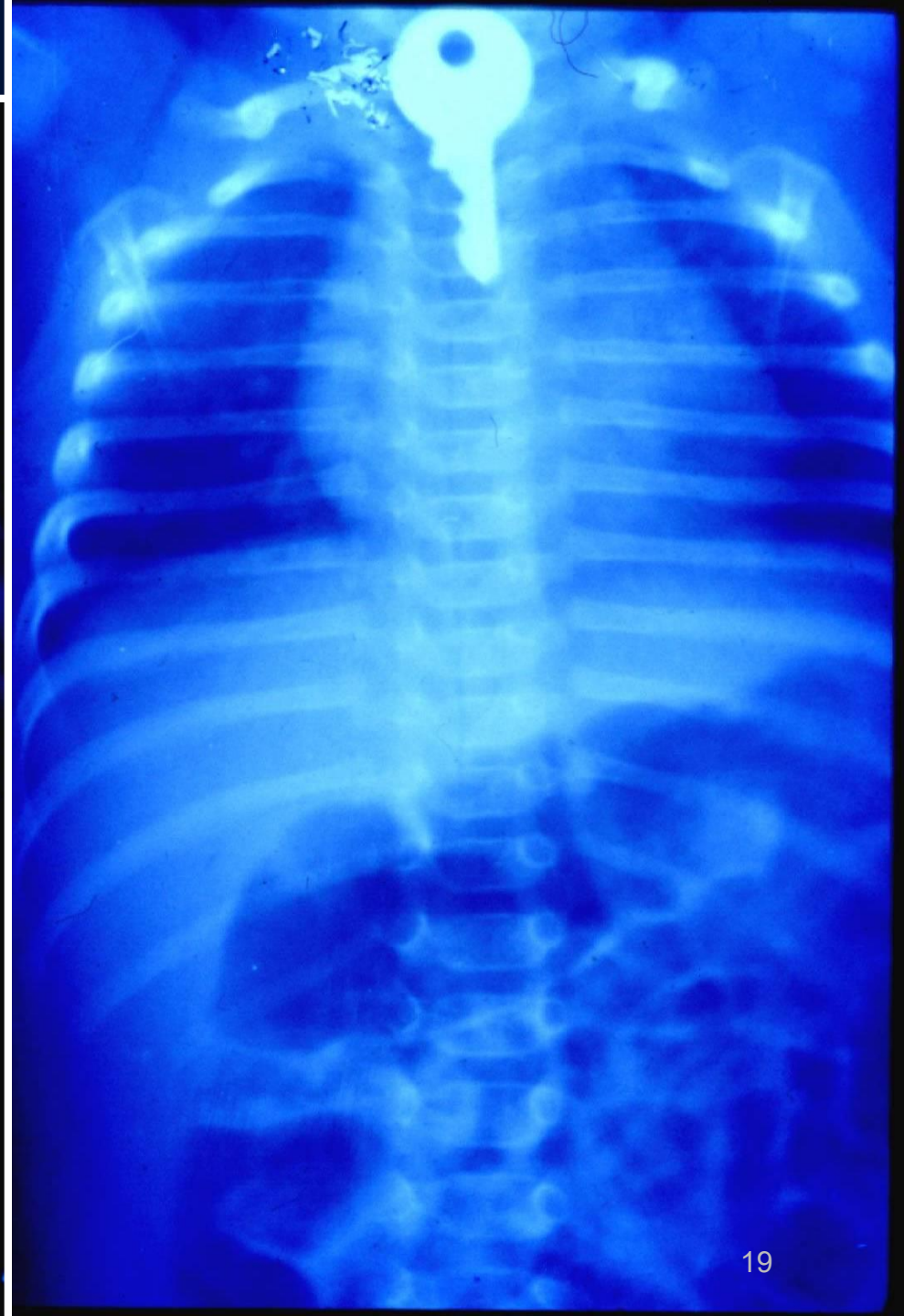
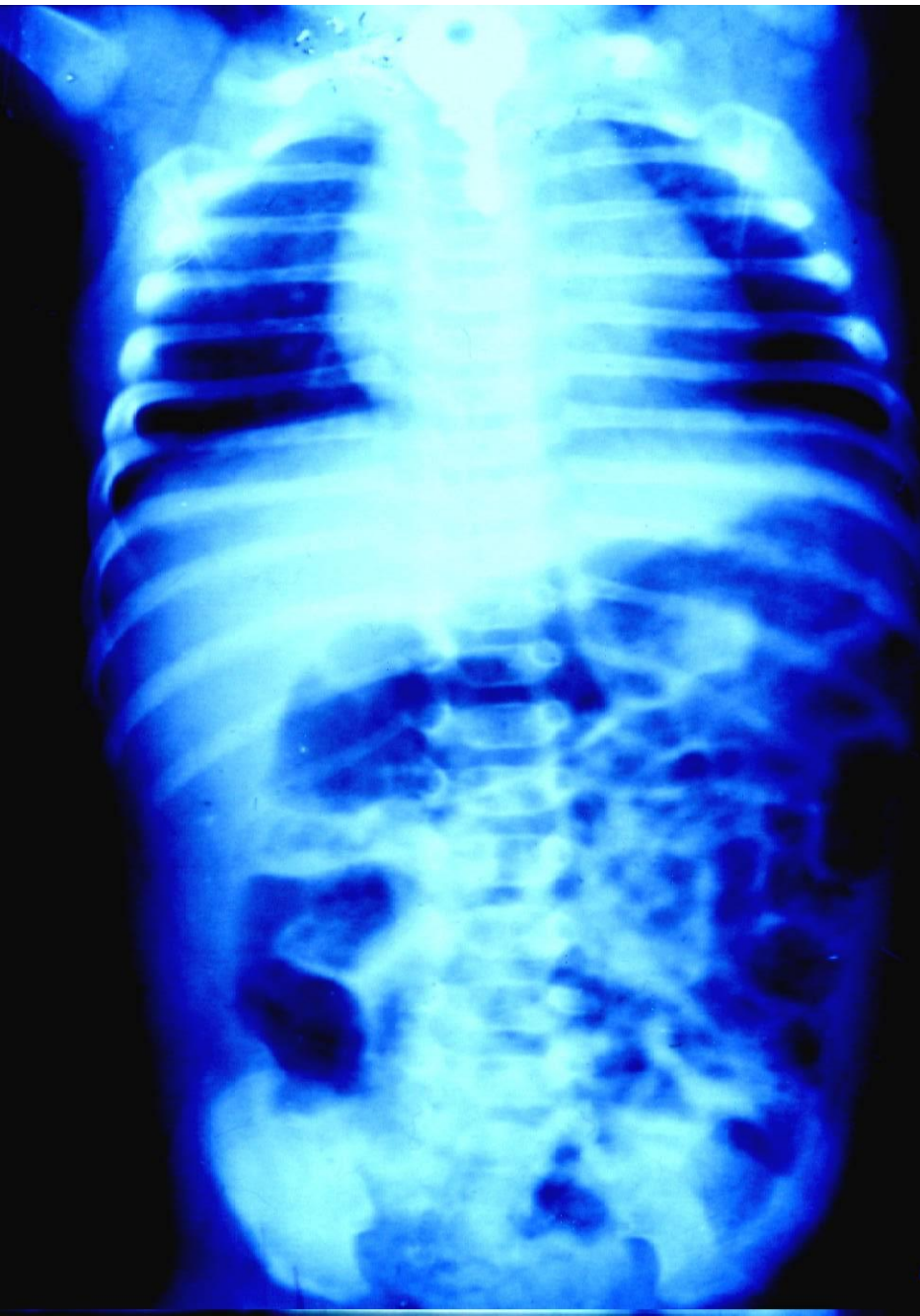
Perforation [ *suture* ]

Paraesophagitis & abscess → *Drainage*

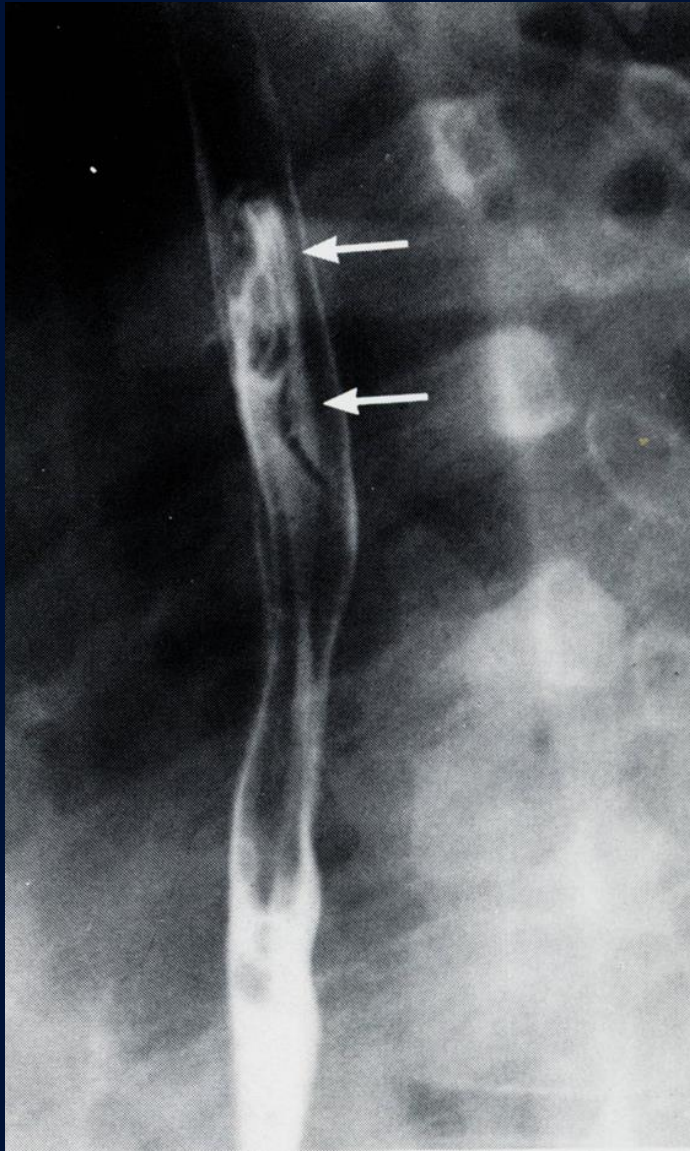
# Esophageal Foreign Body Course & Complications

- no sequelae & mostly pass spontaneously.
- pressure nec. → mediastinitis
- radiographs: Gas emphysema
- perforation [gastrografin]
- stool analysis

# Trauma & Foreign Body II





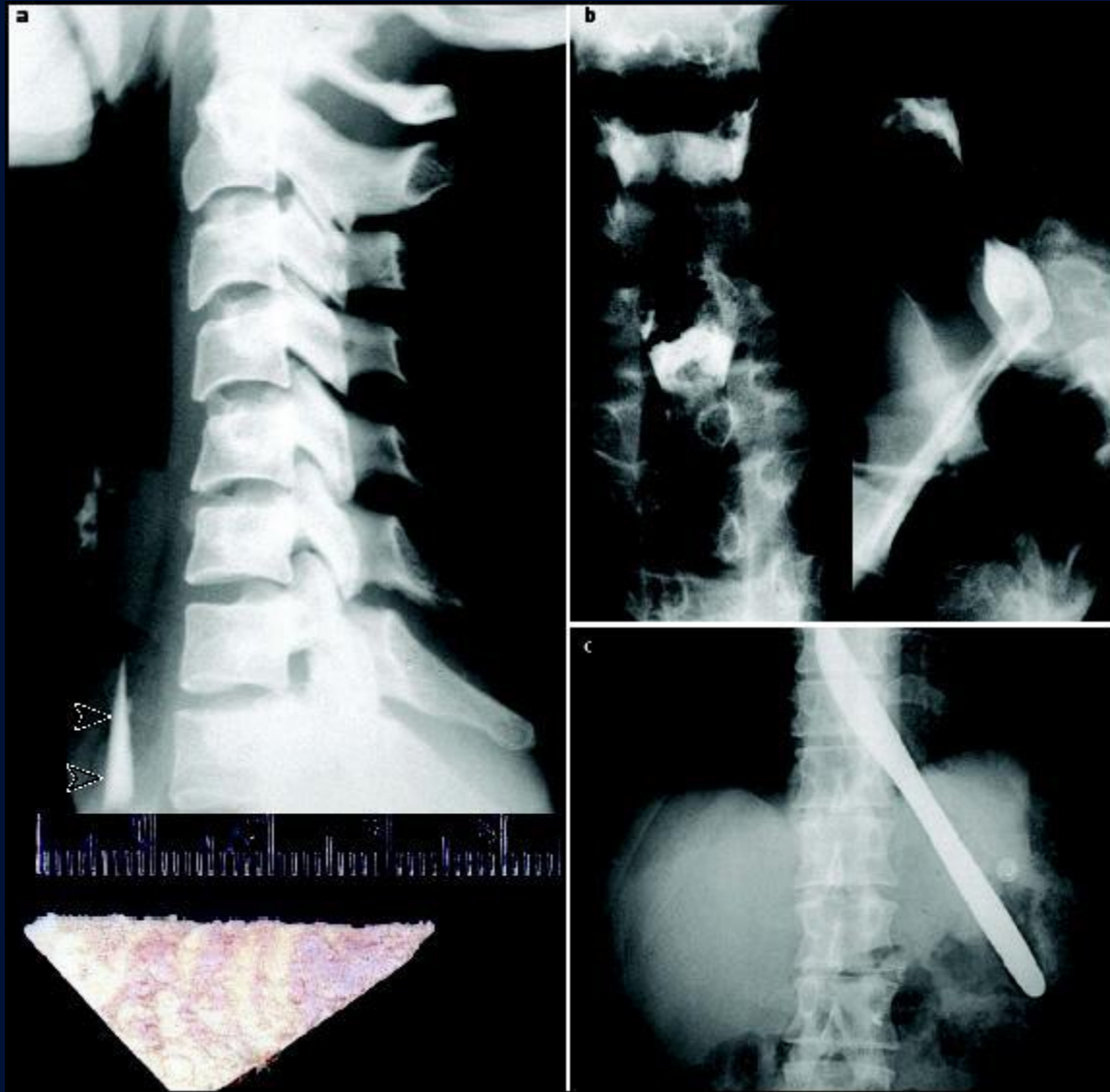


hair pin



flesh bolus

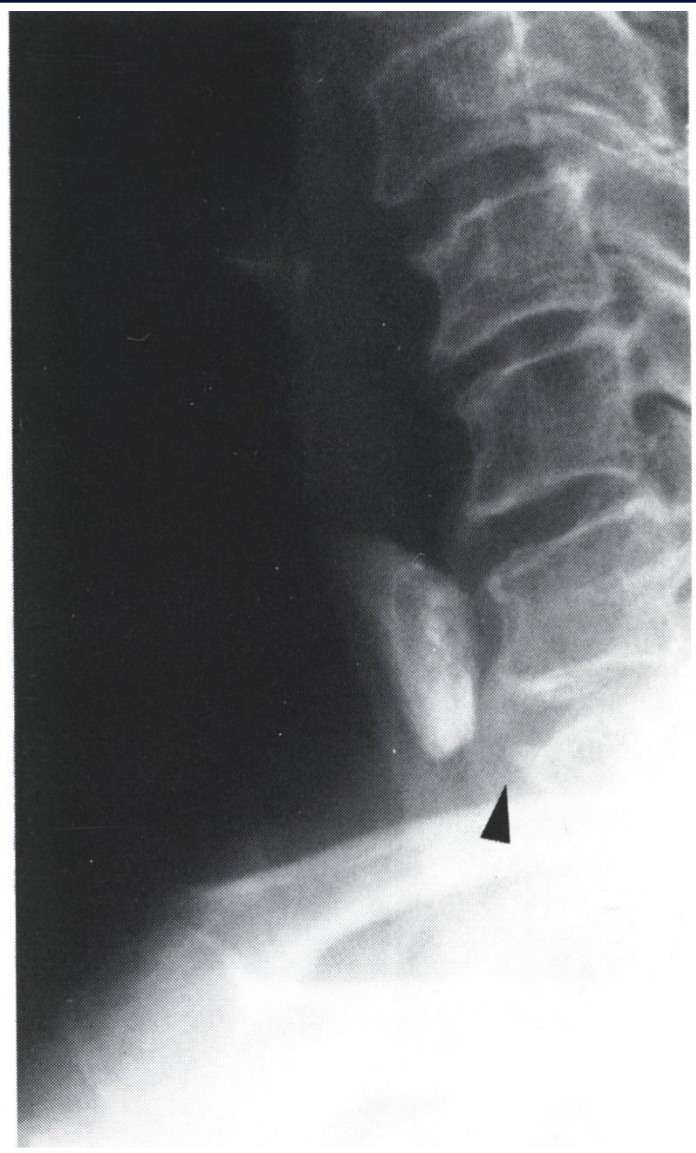
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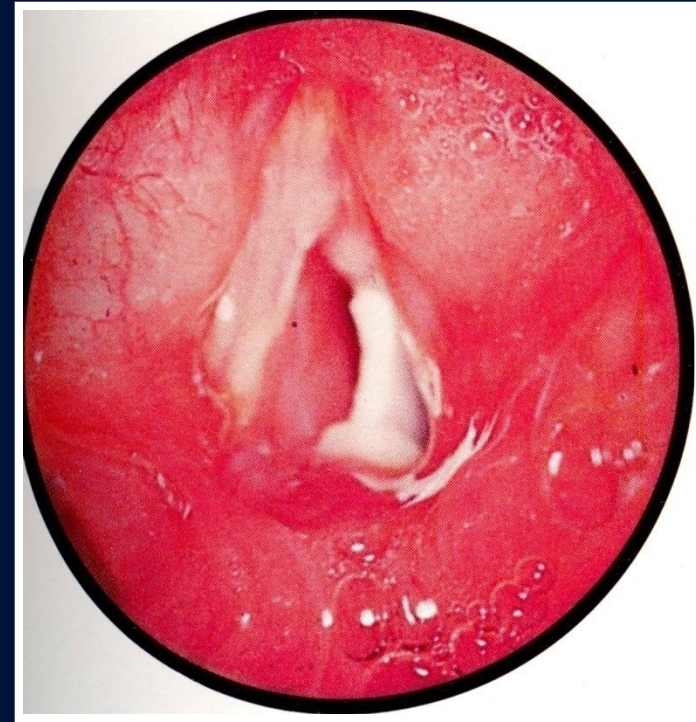


# FOREIGN BODIES OF THE LARYNX

# Laryngeal Foreign Body

## Symptoms

- attacks of coughing
- stabbing pains
- dysphagia
- dysphonia
- dyspnea in infant's
- asphyxia in large F.B.



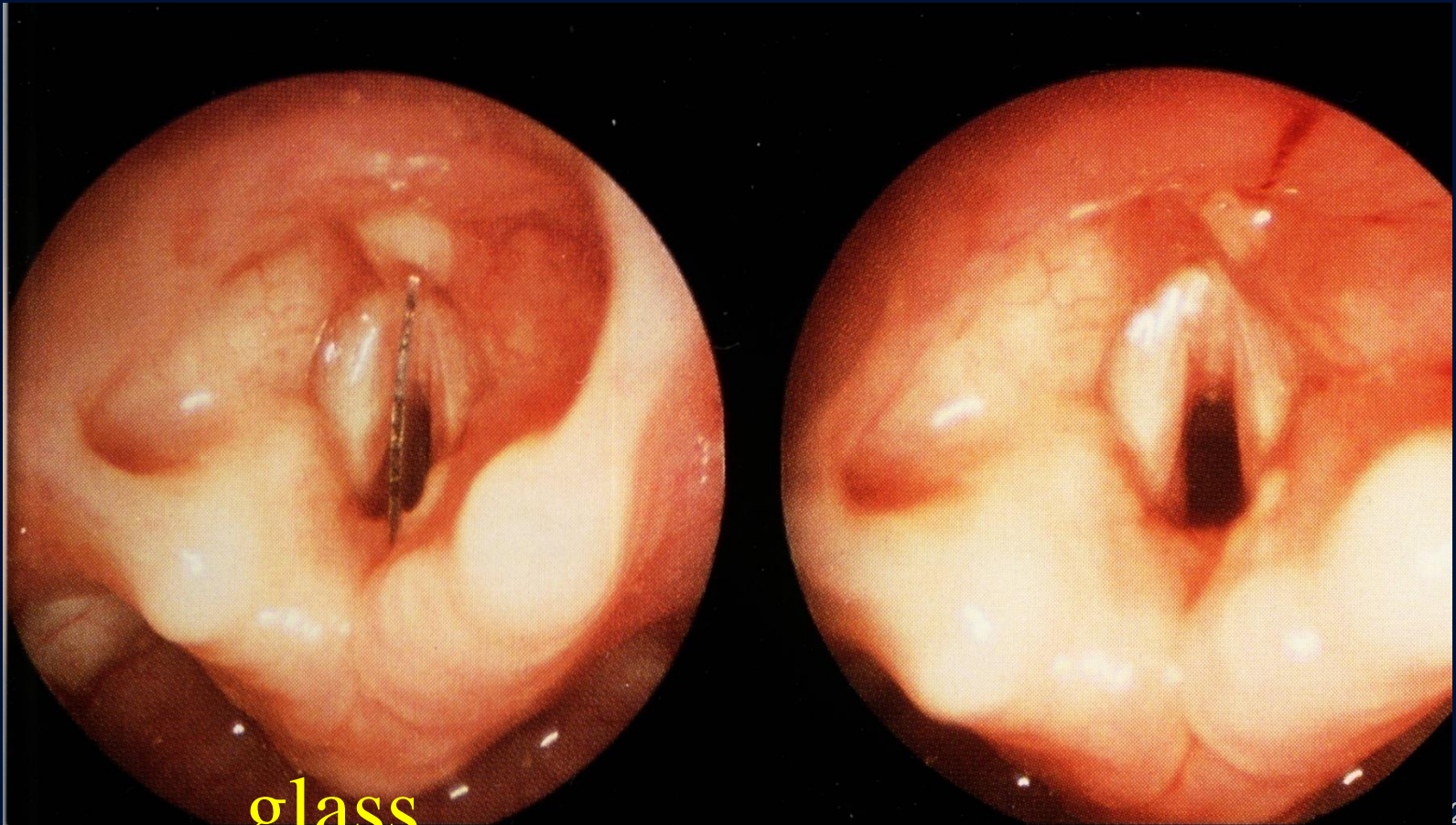
eggshell, 10,  
choked, stridor,  
dyspnea > aphonia



# Trauma & Foreign Body II



# Laryngeal Foreign Body



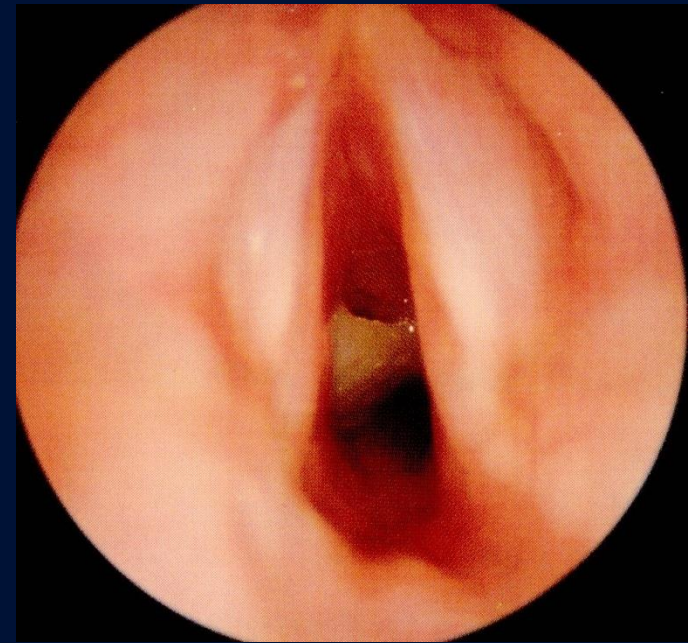
glass

# Laryngeal Foreign Body Pathogenesis

common sharp-edged,  
Pointed or large F.B.

F.B. aspiration:

- sudden fright, laughing  
or absence of the sensory  
innervation of the larynx



**nut shell**

# Laryngeal Foreign Body Treatment

Heimlich Maneuver?

Slapping the back with the patient's head down?

Manual removal?

Removal by laryngoscopy

Tracheostomy or laryngostomy  
(cricothyrotomy)



# Trauma & Foreign Body II



**FOREIGN BODIES IN THE  
TRACHEOBRONCHIAL  
TREE**

# FOREIGN BODIES IN THE TRACHEOBRONCHIAL TREE

## ETIOLOGY

Usually in infants and children (> 50% under 4 years of age)

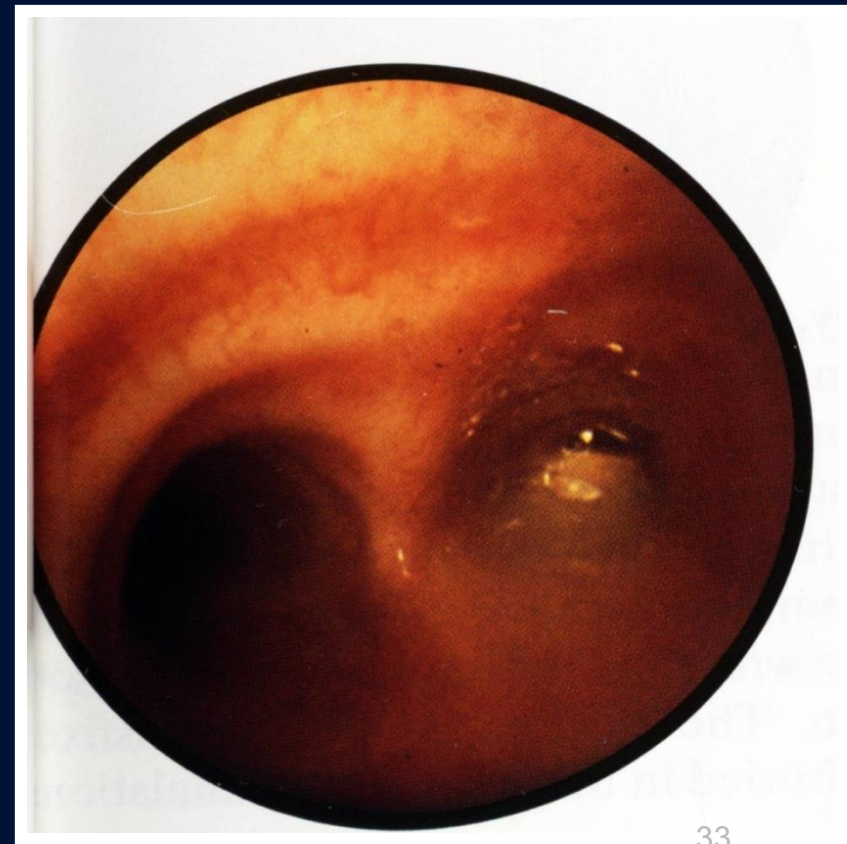
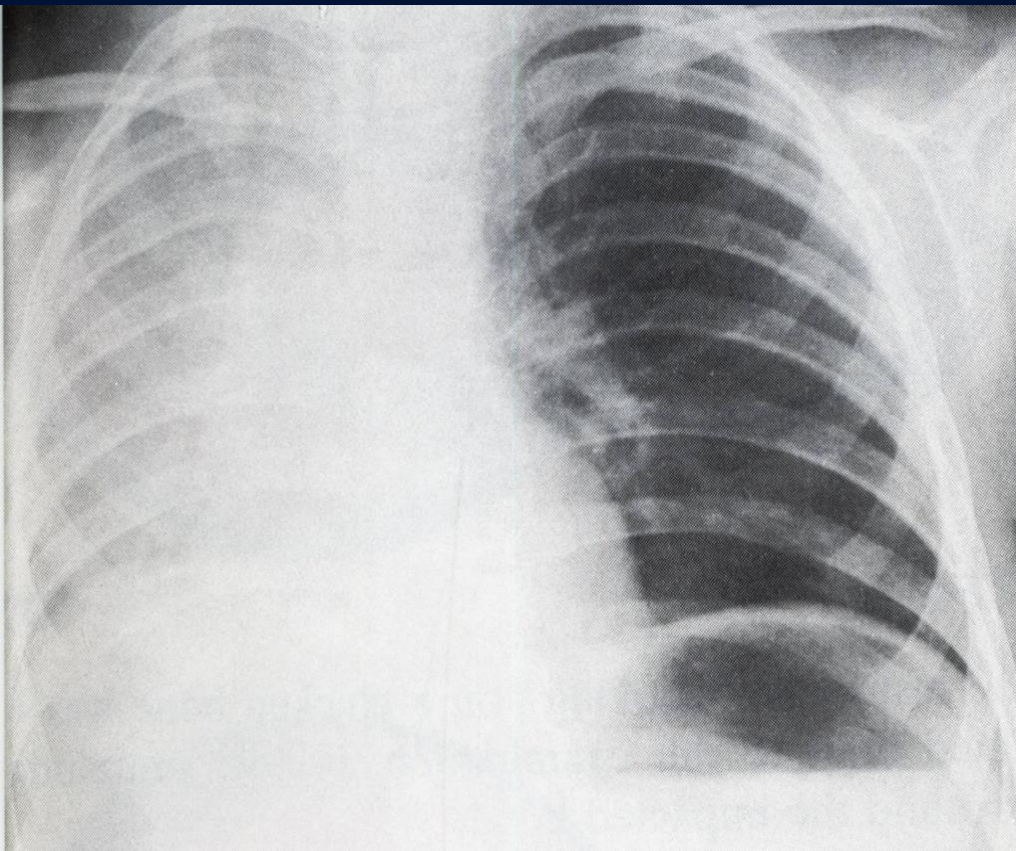
Male predominance (> 60%)

Most FB's are organic material (mostly food derivatives)

Location: Mostly in the right side (>60%)

# Tracheobronchial Foreign Body

Peanuts, nails,  
coins, balls



# PATHOLOGY

Depends upon: nature, morphology and the position of the F.B.

No obstruction: no immediate effect

By pass valve obstruction: wheeze

Expiratory check valve: obstructive emphysema

Stop valve: atelectasis

# CLINICAL PRESENTATION

Choking, cough, gagging & cyanosis

Caused by laryngeal reflexes

Asymptomatic phase

Due to fatigue of cough reflex

Wheeze, intractable cough, persistent or recurrent chest infection.

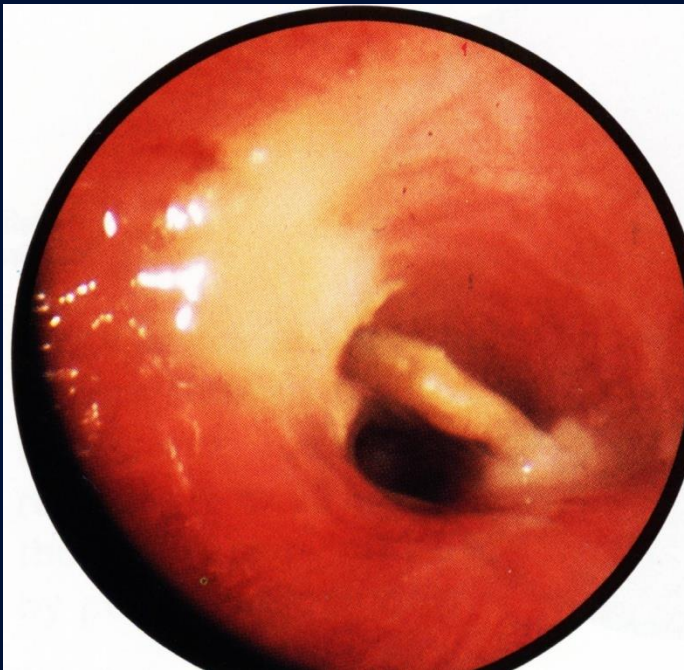
Due to emphysema, atelectasis or infection



# Tracheobronchial Foreign Body

## Symptoms

metal joy



- Episodes of coughing
- dyspnea
- cyanosis
- pain
- intermittent  
hoarseness
- sudden death
- symptom-free  
intervals



# RADIOLOGICAL FINDINGS

Normal findings

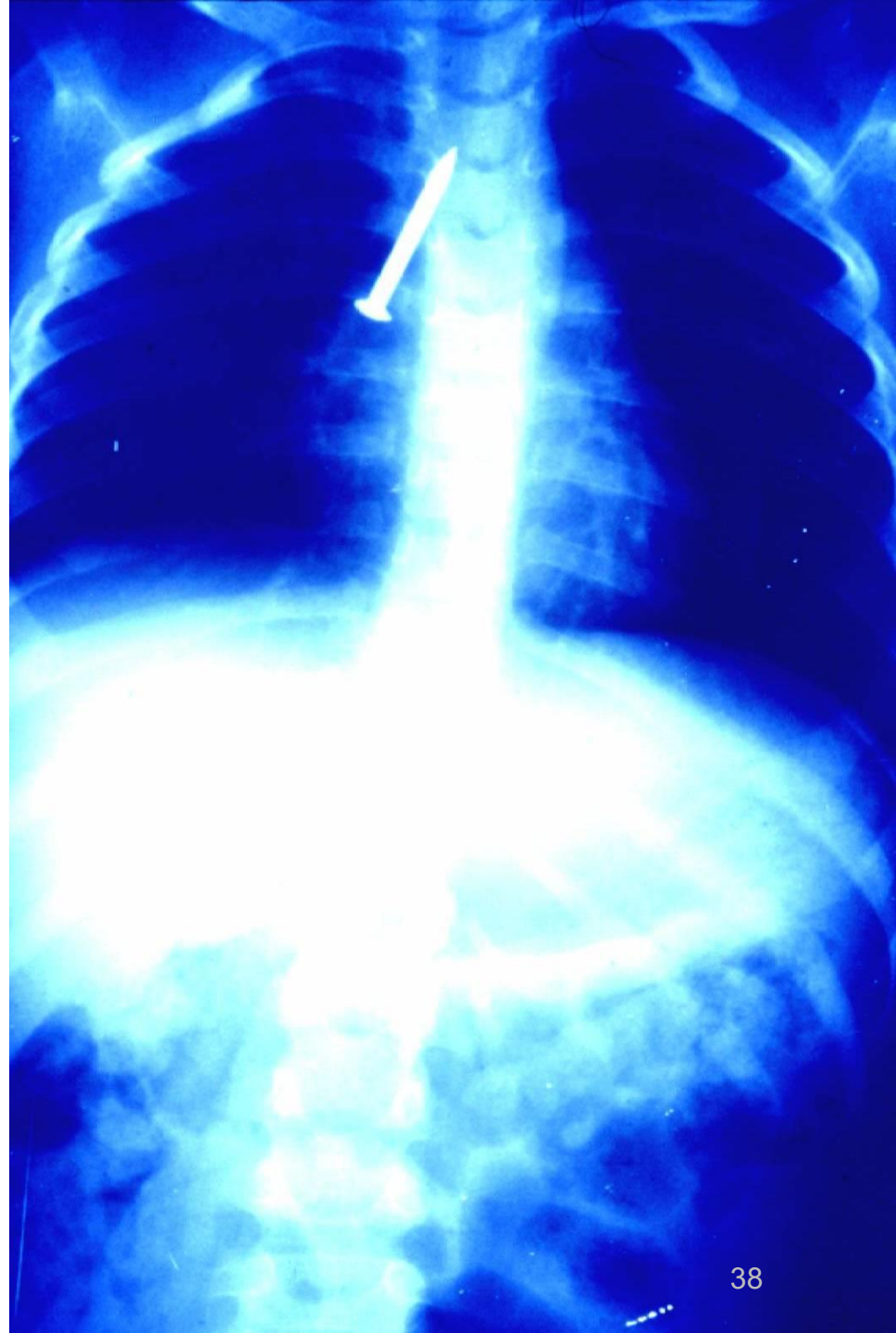
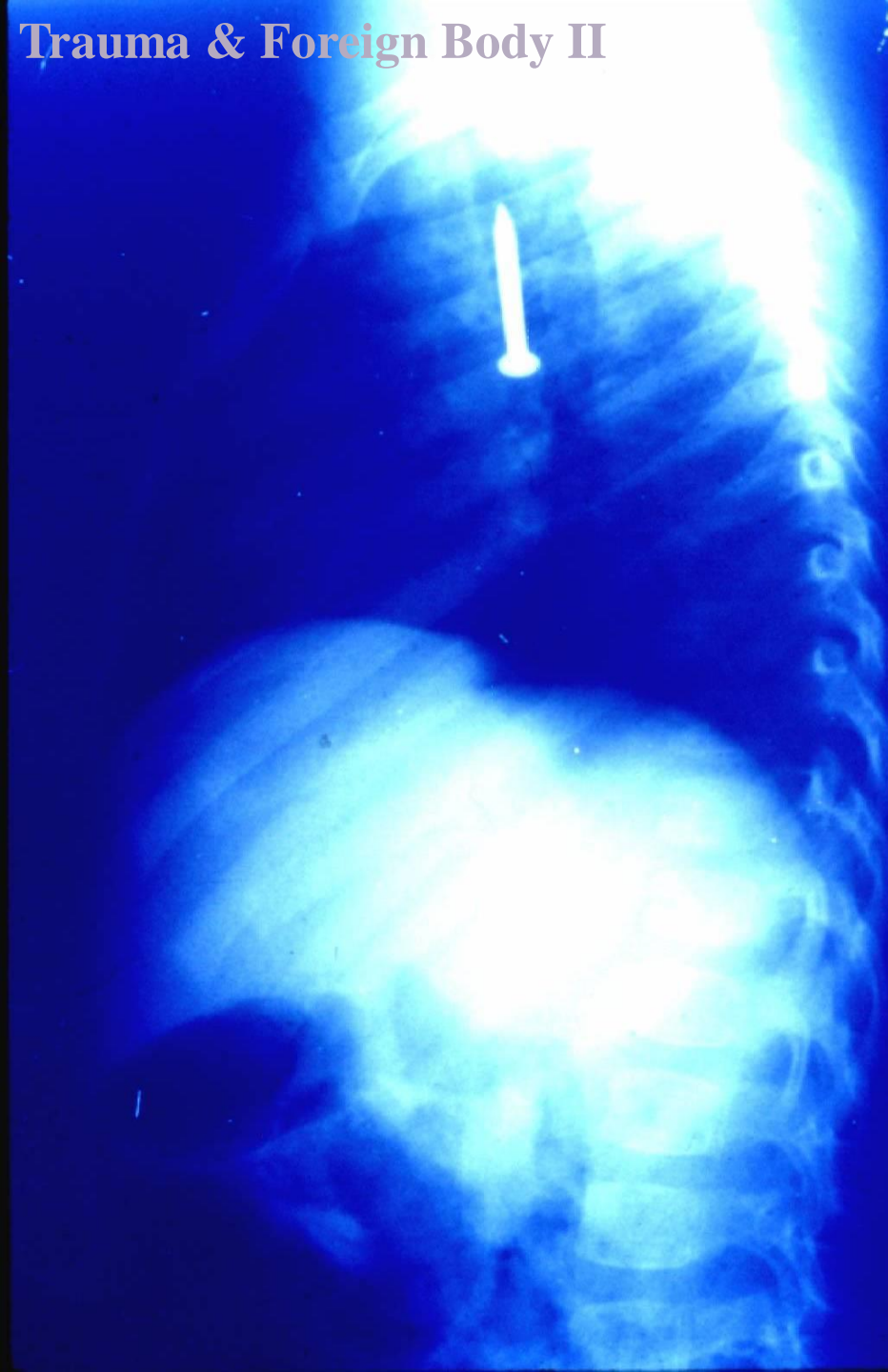
Obstructive emphysema

Atelectasis

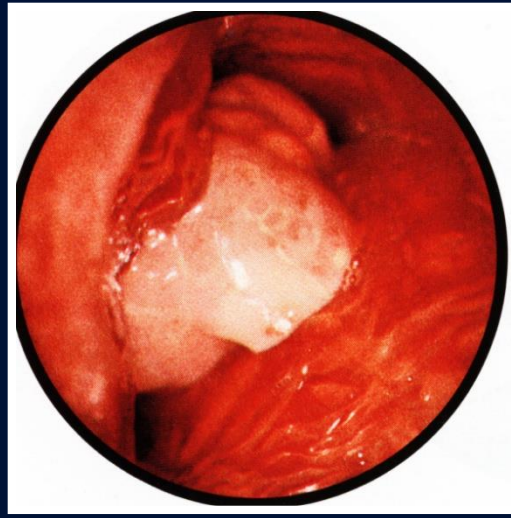
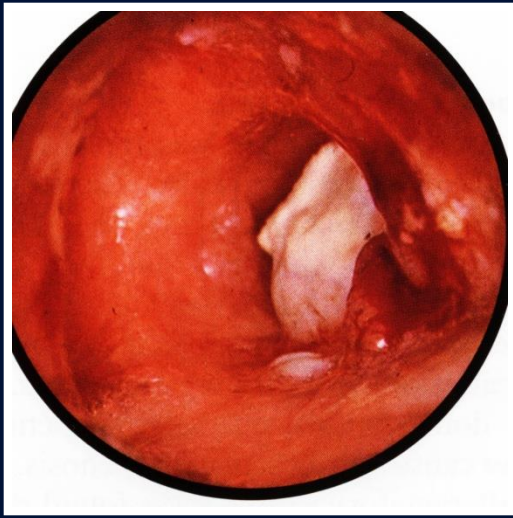
Radio-opaque F. B.

Pneumonia, pneumothorax etc.

# Trauma & Foreign Body II



# Tracheobronchial Foreign Body



## *Size & Shape*

The Rt. main bronchus

## *Type & duration:*

trachitis or bronchitis + edema, granulations

bleeding, resp. valvular stenosis, emphysema, atelectasis

# Tracheobronchial chronic Foreign Body Differential Diagnosis

- diphtheria
- pseudocroup
- laryngeal spasm
- whooping cough
- bronchial asthma
- intraluminal tumors
- pulmonary tuberculosis
- pneumonia
- laryngeal stenosis
- tracheal stenosis  
(absent larynx movements)



# Tracheobronchial Foreign Body Treatment

*Endoscopy* → extracted

*Important:*

Suspicion of a tracheobronchial foreign body is an absolute indication for endoscopy

# TREATMENT

To be initiated on clinical suspicion

Bronchoscopy: in most cases

Bronchotomy

# Esophageal Rupture and Perforation

## CAUSES:

- iatrogenic instrumentation  
(most common cause)
- blunt and penetrating trauma
- neoplasms
- increased abdominal pressure

# Esophageal Rupture and Perforation

## VARIANTS:

*Mallory Weiss Syndrome:*

*Boerhaave Syndrome:*



# Esophageal Rupture and Perforation

## **SIGNS & SYMPTOMS:**

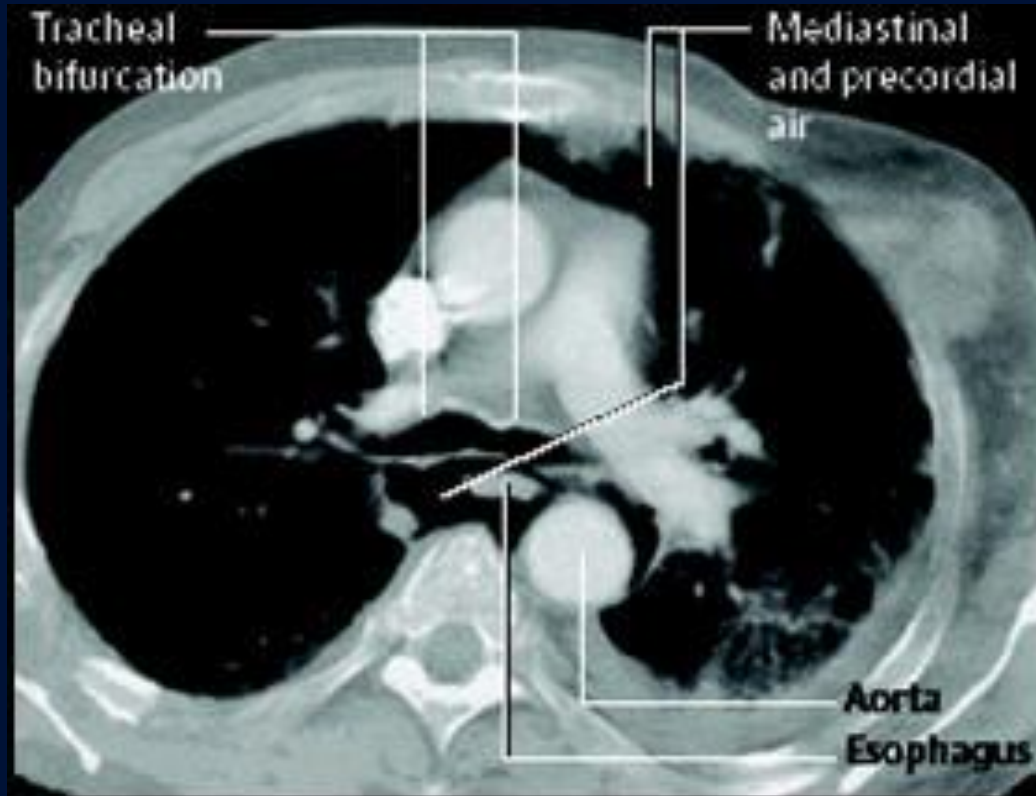
- chest pain
- tachycardia
- fever
- respiratory distress
- dysphagia
- subcutaneous emphysema
- Hammer's sign (crunching sound over heart from subcutaneous emphysema)

# Esophageal Rupture and Perforation

## DIAGNOSIS:

- clinical exam
- chest x-ray mediastinal widening or pneumothorax
- esophagogram (gastrografin)

# Trauma & Foreign Body II



# Esophageal Rupture and Perforation

## COMPLICATIONS:

- chemical mediastinitis  
(saliva, bile, gastric acid)
- septic shock.



# Esophageal Rupture and Perforation

## TREATMENTS:

Early surgical repair and drainage (thoracotomy) may be considered

Medical therapy (antibiotics and observation) for smaller perforation in select patients

# LARYNGEAL TRAUMA

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## INTRODUCTION:

Blunt trauma has a higher risk of skeletal fracture than penetrating injuries

# LARYNGEAL TRAUMA

## SIGNS & SYMPTOMS:

- dysphonia
- dysphagia
- neck deformity
- increasing stridor or dyspnea.
- subcutaneous emphysema.
- laryngeal pain and tenderness.
- subcutaneous air
- cough
- hemoptysis



# LARYNGEAL TRAUMA

## MECHANISMS OF INJURY:

- motor vehicle accidents
- assaults
- clotheline injury
- strangulation
- penetrating injuries (gunshot wounds, knife)

# LARYNGEAL TRAUMA

## COMPLICATIONS:

- airway compromise
- laryngeal stenosis
- vocal fold immobility  
(aspiration, dysphonia)

# LARYNGEAL TRAUMA

Pediatric laryngeal fractures are rare because of elasticity of cartilage and higher position of the larynx in the neck, however, children have higher risk of soft tissue injury

# LARYNGEAL TRAUMA

- Endolaryngeal tears, edema and hematomas
- Arytenoids cartilage subluxation
- Cricothyroid joint injuries, may damage recurrent laryngeal nerve
- Cricoid fractures.



# LARYNGEAL TRAUMA

*cont...*

- Hyoid bone fractures: may risk airway compromise
- Cricotracheal Separation: trachea tends to retract substernally and the larynx tends to migrate superiorly, high mortality,
- Pharyngoesophageal tears
- Recurrent Laryngeal nerve injury

# LARYNGEAL TRAUMA

## MANAGEMENT:

- Establish Airway and Stabilize Cervical Spine (ABCs)
- In Blunt trauma premature endotracheal intubation is avoided to prevent an airway crisis (fiberoptic intubation may be attempted)
- A surgical airway is a safe method ( should be completed under local anesthesia)

# LARYNGEAL TRAUMA

## DIAGNOSIS:

- *Physical Exam:*

soft tissue or hematoma, laryngeal tenderness and crepitus, subcutaneous emphysema, laryngeal tenderness.

- *Fiberoptic Nasopharyngoscope:*

first line diagnostic test allows visualization of the endolarynx with minimal risk to airway, evaluate vocal fold mobility.

# LARYNGEAL TRAUMA

## DIAGNOSIS:

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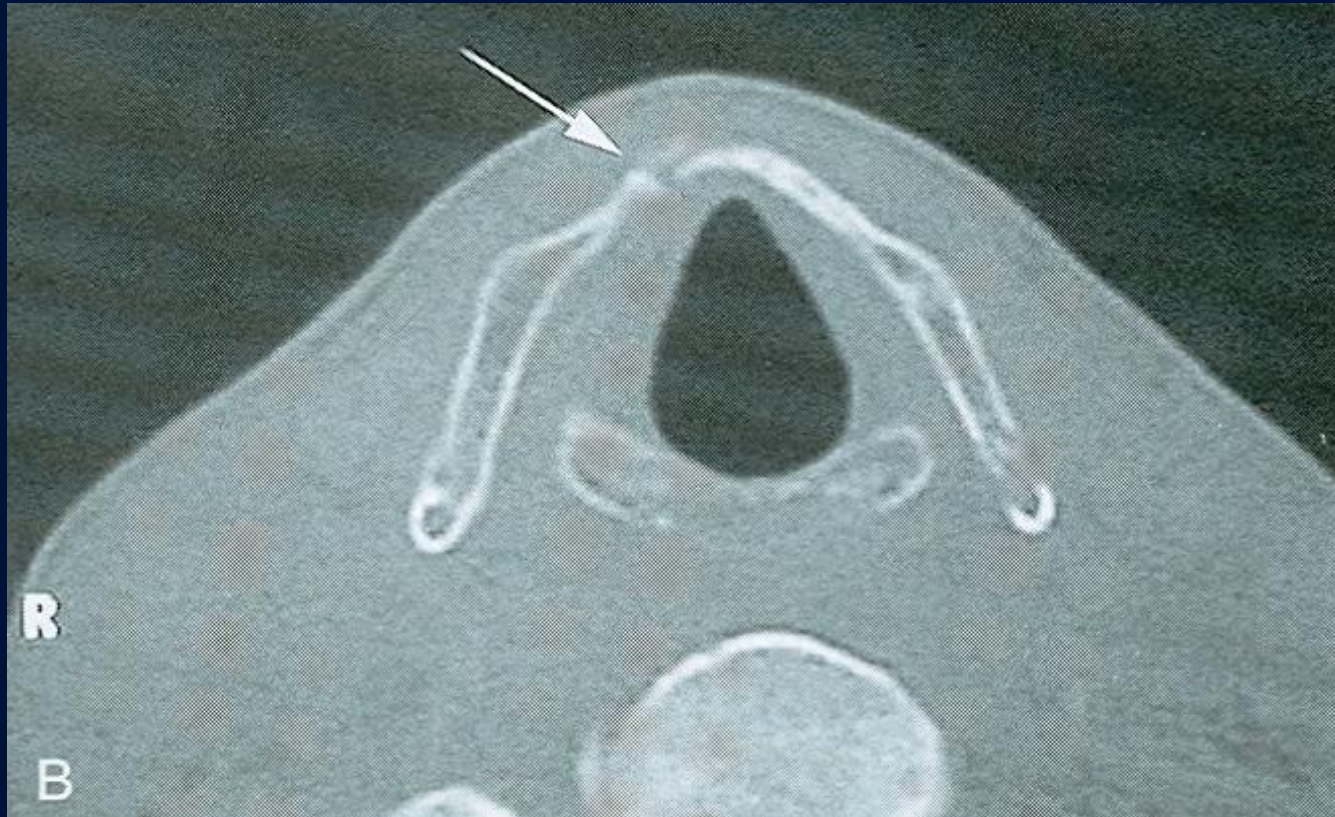
- *CT of Neck:*  
diagnostic test of choice
- *laryngograms*  
which may compromise a marginal airway)
- *Roentgenograms of the Neck:*  
largely been replaced with CT



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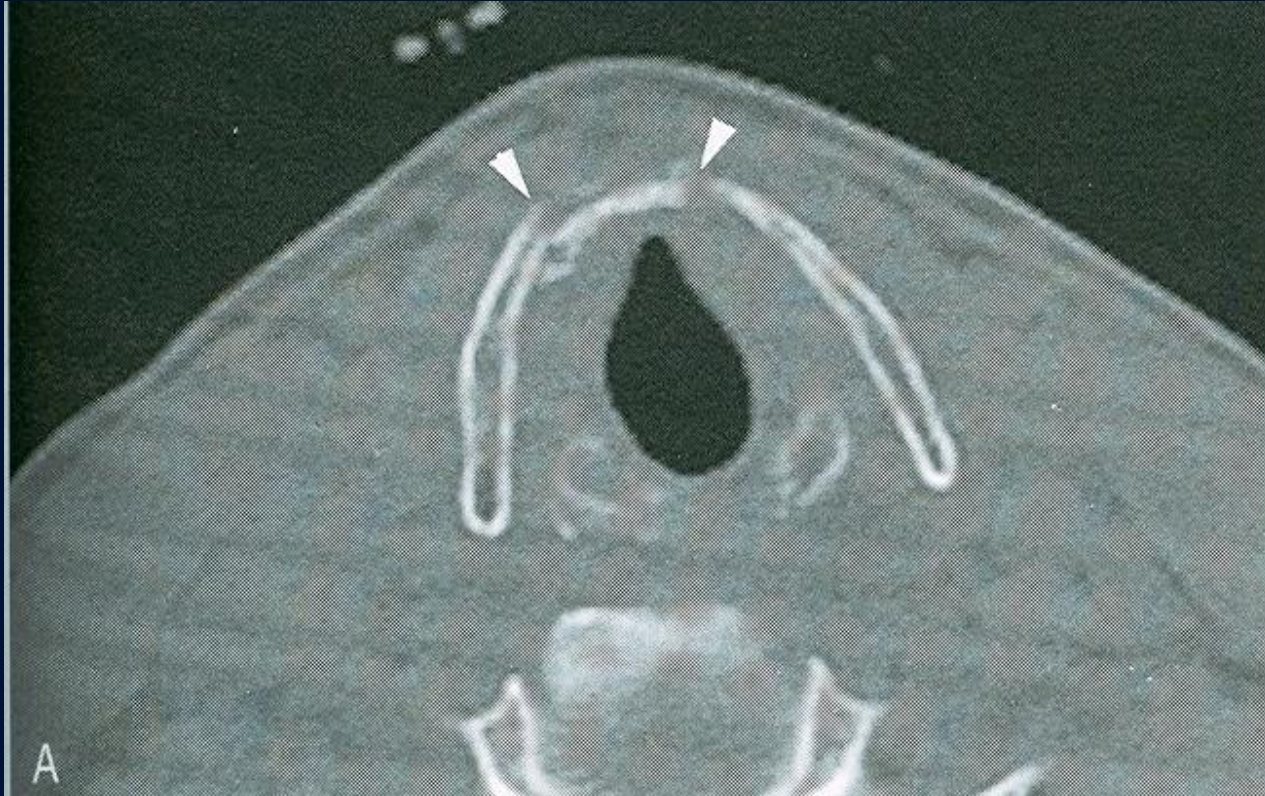


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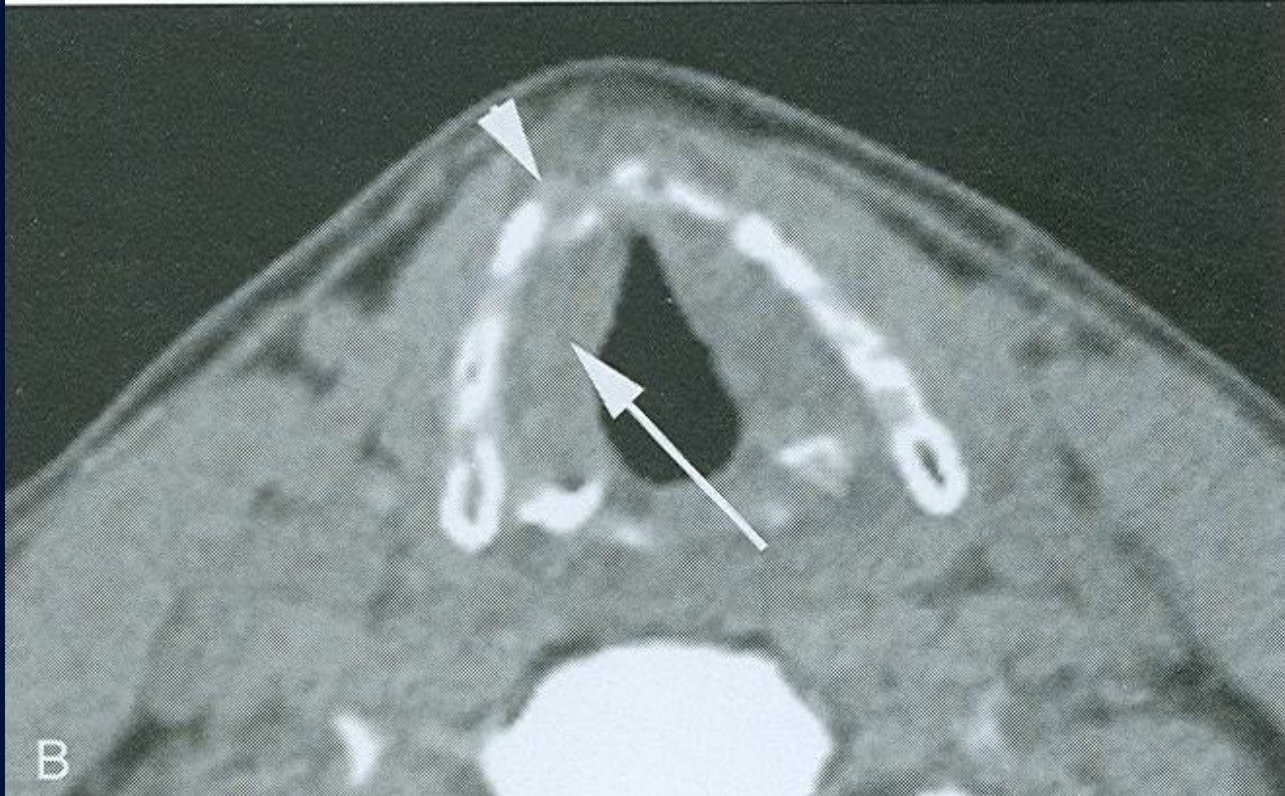




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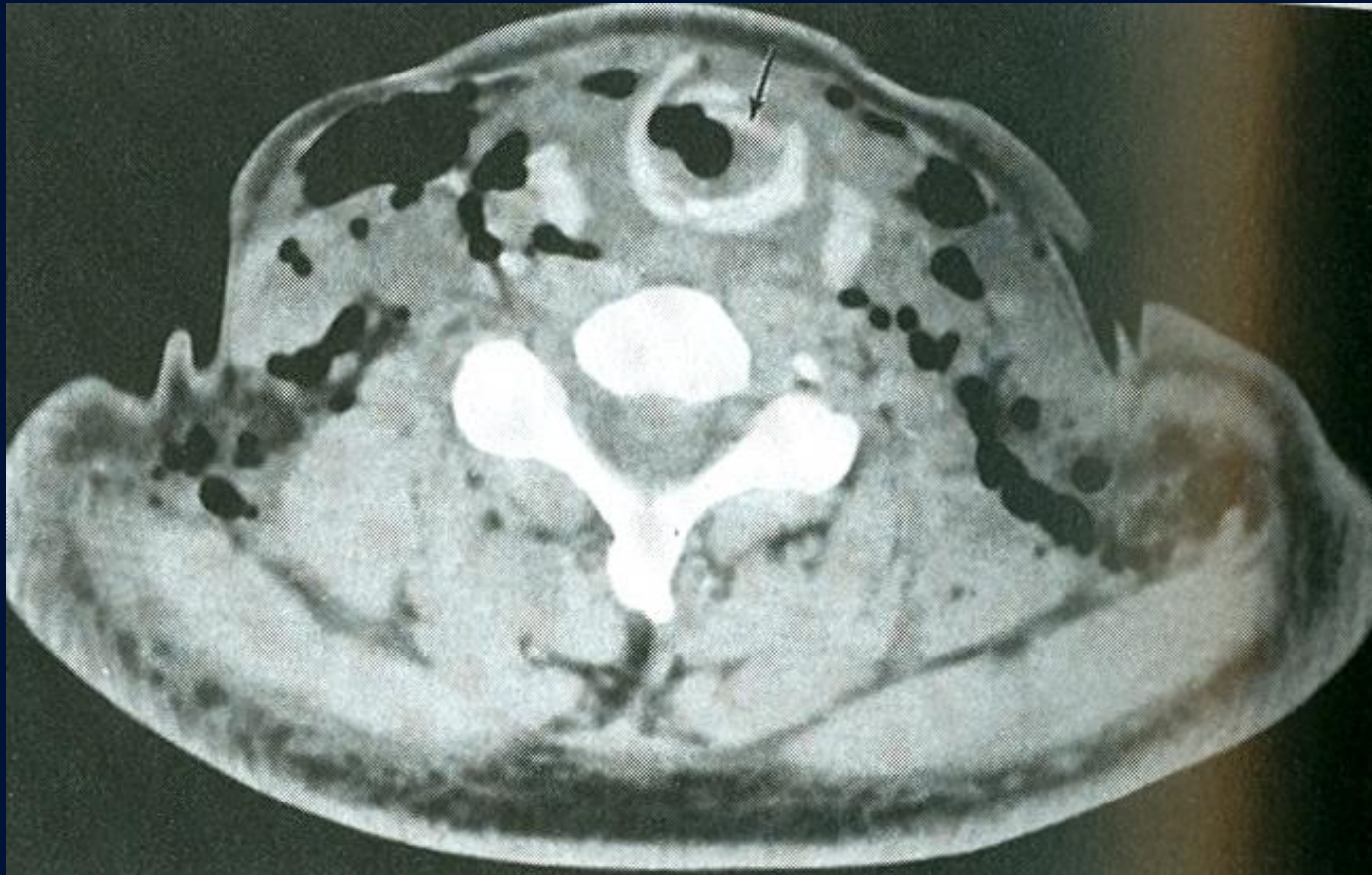


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## DIAGNOSIS:

*cont...*

- *Esophagram:*

best of begin with a water soluble contrast to avoid barium-sulfate induced mediastinitis

- *Direct Laryngosocopy and Esophagoscopy:*

may be considered after airway has been established to evaluate the endolarynx (allows palpation of arytenoids)

# LARYNGEAL TRAUMA

## MEDICAL MANAGEMENT:

- Indications for Medical Management Only:
  - smaller soft tissue injuries (hematomas, lacerations), single non displaced fracture (controversial) stable laryngeal skeleton with an intact endolarynx
- Hospitalization
  - for at least 24 hours for observation with tracheostomy set at bedside
- Nothing by mouth with hydration
- Prophylactic antibiotics, antireflux protocol, systemic corticosteroids

# LARYNGEAL TRAUMA

## SURGICAL MANAGEMENT:

### - *Indications for Surgical Management:*

large lacerations, airway obstruction, exposed cartilage, progressive subcutaneous emphysema, fractured or dislocated laryngeal skeleton, dislocated arytenoids, vocal fold immobility

### - *Timing:*

ideally should be repaired within 2-3 days to avoid infection and necrosis

### - *Endoscopic Repair:*

may attempt smaller mucosal disruptions and repositioning of arytenoids

# LARYNGEAL TRAUMA

## OPEN REDUCTION & REPAIR:

- Approach: midline thyrotomy or infrahyoid laryngotomy
- Repair mucosal injuries well to reduce potential of scarring and granulation tissue formation (may require focal flaps or grafts)

# LARYNGEAL TRAUMA

## OPEN REDUCTION & REPAIR:

- May reposition subluxed arytenoids (or remove for severe disruption)
- Laryngeal fractures should be reduced and immobilized
- Consider placing a keel or silastic stent for massive mucosal injuries
- Repair recurrent laryngeal nerve with microsurgical primary anastomosis



Thank you...